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Subject: RE: Response to public comments and notification to EPA

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From: Hence, Kia
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I can call you now if you're available.

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Hi Kia,

MD doesn't need to repost the demo unless the narrative and underlying rationale of the demonstration changed significantly. The only requirements in the rule with respect to public comment are that the final demo must:

- (A) Document that the State followed the public comment process and that the comment period was open for a minimum of 30 days, which could be concurrent with the beginning of the Administrator's initial review period of the associated demonstration provided the State can meet all requirements in this paragraph;
- (B) Submit the public comments it received along with its demonstration to the Administrator; and
- (C) Address in the submission to the Administrator those comments disputing or contradicting factual evidence provided in the demonstration.

Did you get my voicemail from the other day?

Ben

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Hi Ben,

The public comment process for Maryland's EE demo has ended and MDE has responded to all comments. They asked for advice on how they should proceed. I read the rule and guidance document and just wanted to clarify next steps...

- MDE should repost the EE demo, with comments and responses online.
- They can re-submit the full EE package w/ comments & responses to EPA or just submit the comments/responses in a separate document.
- Their response to comments should include a conclusion statement:
"The [air agency] posted notice of this exceptional events demonstration on [date posted] in the following counties/locations: [list counties affected and locations posted]. [Number] public comments were received and have been included in [Section X] of the demonstration, along with [air agency's] responses to these comments."
- There isn't a deadline (in the rule) to provide responses to comments but, they should submit it as soon as they can.

Is this correct? Did I miss anything?

Kia Long

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle